# SCRIPTURES

THAT TODAY'S WORLDLY ELITES





Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA October 6<sup>th</sup>, AD 2024

### THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord 2024

#### -ONE-IS YOUR-MASTER-AND-ALL-YE-ARE-BRETHREN-

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Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

## Sunday School—9:30 AM.

### Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:\* "O Worship the King, all Glorious Above" (#60; v. I)

Invocation.\*

Hymn: "Crow Him with Many Crowns" (#30).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: I Cor. 3:18-23.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: "Praise Him! Praise Him" (#59).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" (#444).

Dismissal for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: "SCRIPTURES THAT TODAY'S ELITES ABHOR."

Closing Hymn:\* "Come, Thou Almighty King" (#54).

Benediction.\*

\*Please stand, if able.

#### MIDWEEK PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY: WED., 6:30 PM



**Week of Sept. 29 – Oct. 5** 

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—II;

Midweek—5; Offering: \$232.00

Video (Facebook, Rumble, YouTube): "A Child of the King"—I31 views; Internet Archive Audio: "Reconciliation"—7 listens; "Adoption"—5 listens



#### "DO WESTERN PROGRESSIVE ELITES HAVE A MANDATE TO CONQUER THE WORLD?"

Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, PA; 9/29/24

Isa. 11:10: "Then in that day the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious."

In the early days of the Grace Brethren movement, **Dr. Alva J. McClain** would frequently comment upon world affairs in the pages of both the *Brethren Evangelist* and the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. For example, in an Aug. 2, 1941 *BMH* article, Dr. McClain took FDR to task for his audacious secular "postmillennialism program" known as the "Four Freedoms" proposal, in which Roosevelt outlandishly committed American power to consummating the goals of world peace, global prosperity, universal democracy, and international justice.

In critiquing this proposal, Dr. McClain first observes that America's arms and limited wealth have not even brought these ideals to full realization in *America*—let alone the *entire world!* Secondly, Dr. McClain observes that Roosevelt's attempts to achieve such utopian and Messianic goals must ultimately flounder upon two fundamentally errant bases:



"First, an unwarranted and overweening optimism about the inherent powers of sinful men, which is justified by nothing in human history. And second, an abysmal and inexcusable ignorance of the predictions of Biblical prophecy, which declare from one end to the other that man without God in Christ will never be able to solve the problems of a lost world."

Four score years following Roosevelt's demise, the Biblically inept and theologically clueless international elites remain ever-relentless in their doomed attempts (Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45) to reconstruct a Tower that reaches unto Heaven (Gen. 11:1-9). Neither Divine revelation nor the simple facts of human history have served to teach our ruling class *anything* as they foolishly continue to lead humanity unto the brink of Armageddon.

Despite this present frustration, believers may rejoice that they uniquely live in the light of the precious fact that a Righteous Branch springs from David, and that "He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth" (Jer. 33:15).

# Holy Communion on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2:00 PM.



Our Threefold Communion (consisting of the washing of feet, the Love Feast, and the Bread and the Cup) has been tentatively rescheduled for Oct. 20. Our Communion is open to all who

are trusting in Christ for their salvation and desire to partake of the Ordinance in a reverent manner (1 Cor. 11:26-30).

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# CEF CHRESTMAS PARTY

Kathy Sloan and her staff from the Child
Evangelism Fellowship will be with us on
Friday, Dec. 27, from 10:00 AM to Noon for
a Christmas Party event for young people

(Preschool through Elementary School Age). Please be inviting any interested parties.

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New additions to the Church Library can be found in the vestibule. These include *Kingdoms in Conflict* by Chuck Colson, which deals with the problem of the Christian's role as a citizen of two realms.

Two classic books from Dr.

R.C. Sproul have also been added: *Chosen* 

by God and The Holiness of God. Both books deal with the foundational issue of our having a correct knowledge of

the nature of the One True God and His

transcendent ways. *Answers in Genesis* has produced an entire series of "*Answers*" books—one of which is also newly available in the vestibule.